

IDAHO BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Bureau of Occupational Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 9/10/2012

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayla Nickel - Chair
Ione C Springer
Paul J Weston
Brooke E Barnes
Linda A Chatburn

BUREAU STAFF: Tana Cory, Bureau Chief
Dawn Hall, Administrative Support Manager
Lori Peel, Investigative Unit Manager
Maurie Ellsworth, Legal Counsel
Helle Newton, Technical Records Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Gail King, College of Massage Therapy
Tony Smith, NW Career College Federation
Suzanne Budge, SBS Associates, LLC and
AMTA-Idaho
Judy Silcock, Government Relations Chair,
AMTA-Idaho

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. MDT by Gayla Nickel.

Ms. Springer made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Ms. Barnes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Website updates and the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page were discussed. A clarification of the grandfathering clause will be included on the website. Anyone practicing as of July 1, 2013 must be licensed. Grandfathering allows a window of opportunity between 2013 and 2014 for those who do not meet the qualifications and are not practicing by July 1, 2013, to apply under the grandfathering clause. These individuals will still have a year to qualify under the grandfathering clause but cannot practice until licensed. Updates will also be posted on the websites of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) and Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals (ABMP). Further ideas for FAQs page and website updates will be discussed at the next meeting.

A discussion was held regarding documentation of work hours for those applying through grandfathering. The Board decided to include a signed affidavit for certification of hours as part of the application process. This will be discussed further when application forms are drafted.

The Board discussed a draft letter to cities that require massage therapist licensing regarding the transition to state licensure, and how licensees will get the necessary information. The Board will be working with the cities during the state licensure implementation to coordinate notifying licensees. Notices will also be on the Bureau website and sent to the associations. Discussion was also held on producing a news release or a public service announcement. No decision was made.

There was discussion about the Board's response to Rich Priest with Onsen International, noting that the bill was negotiated with other licensed professions.

Mr. Ellsworth explained the investigative process when a complaint is filed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on electing a delegate to the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards' (FSMTB) annual meeting. Ms. Springer noted that often the Board Chair is automatically a delegate representing the Board. Ms. Springer moved that the Chair be the delegate to the annual meeting of the FSMTB. It was seconded by Mr. Weston. There was discussion whether the motion is only for this year's meeting or for future meetings as well. The annual FSMTB membership fee includes the cost of sending a delegate to the annual meeting. Ms. Springer moved to amend the motion to state the Chair or the Chair's designee will be the automatic delegate representing the Board for future meetings. It was seconded by Mr. Weston, motion carried.

Ms. Chatburn left the meeting at 9:06 a.m. MDT.

Application forms were discussed. Ms. Hall provided a generic application form with basic required information. She stated the form will be modified based on the Board's laws and rules and brought back to a future meeting for discussion.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Betsy Ogden inquiring about body scrubs and body wraps by massage therapists. The Board noted that these treatments are taught in massage schools, and are in the scope of practice as defined in the law regulating massage therapists. The Board directed the Bureau to respond after Ms. Peel addresses the issue with the investigative unit.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Gail King regarding the proposed number of hours required for clinical work. The Board advised that the required number of clinical hours is included in the total number of hours taught in schools

and involves all ‘supervised hands-on training in a classroom setting.’ The Board decided to consider this as a comment in response to the proposed rules. The Board will look at this section of the proposed rules and consider clarification.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Leah Hansen regarding a massage workshop she wants to create for continuing education. The Board directed the Bureau to respond to her inquiry advising that she monitor the website and once her program is developed, she may complete a CE course approval application to submit to the Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meetings were scheduled for a conference call Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. MDT; and a face-to-face meeting Monday, November 5, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. MDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Barnes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. MDT. It was seconded by Ms. Springer. Motion carried.

Gayla Nickel, Chair

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